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SUBJECT: PAPAZOV VISIT, SIGNATURE OF NSF/SCSTP AGREEMENT

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY PROVIDED WITH FINAL PAPAZOV TRIP PLANS JANUARY 18. HIS VISIT WILL EXTEND FEBRUARY 6-14. HE WILL BE PREPARED TO SIGN NSF/SCSTP AGREEMENT AND SCSTP OFFICIAL PLAMEN DESPOTOV TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH IREX. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF DATES, OTHER TRIP PLANS AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ABSENCE OF P&C OFFICER KARCH, ACTING DCM SIMPSON WAS REQUESTED BY PLAMEN DESPOTOV, DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS (SCSTP) TO CALL JANUARY 18 TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PLANS OF SCSTP CHAIRMAN NACHO PAPAZOV TO TRAVEL TO US TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF). (REF. A).

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3. NACHO PAPAZOV AND WIFE WILL DEPART SOFIA JANUARY 23, TRAVELLING VIA CUBA AND DAY OR TWO IN MEXICO, TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FEBRUARY 6. HE WILL DEPART FROM THE US FEBRUARY 14. PAPAZOVS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SCSTP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MARIN PETROV WHO WILL LEAVE SOFIA JANUARY 28 OR 29. PLAMEN DESPOTOV (PARA 2) WILL DEPART

SOFIA FOR NEW YORK FEBRUARY 2 AND WILL BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH IREX AND SIGN SCSTP/IREX AGREEMENT. IN ABSENCE OF RESPONSE TO REFTEL, SIMPSON INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH PAPAZOV PLANS AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESPONSE, INCLUDING PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS, ON URGENT BASIS.

4. DESPOTOV PROVIDED ONLY GENERAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FROM PAPAZOV, WHO HE SAID WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN METHODS OF PROMOTING IMPLEMENTATION AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS AS WELL AS GENERAL US SCIENCE POLICY. EMBASSY REQUESTS PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS TO SHOW DESPOTOV ON URGENT BASIS.

5. ON SIGNATURE OF BOTH SCSTP/NSF AND SCSTP/IREX AGREEMENTS, DESPOTOV ASKED THAT THEY SHOW NEW NAME OF TYCOMMITTEE (PARA 2) IN BOTH ENGLISH AND BULGARIAN TEXTS. (FORMER NAME WAS COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNICAL PROGRESS AND HIGHER EDUCATION. (REF C). DESPOTOV ALSO INQUIRED WHETHER US SIDE WOULD REQUIRE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM GOV FOR PAPAZOV TO SIGN AGREEMENT, REFERRING TO SCSTP/NSF AGREEMENT'S CLAUSE ON ITS ENTERING INTO EFFECT. (SIMPSON TOLD HIM WE BELIEVED NOT SINCE THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT PAPAZOV WAS HEAD OF SCSTP. EMBASSY REQUESTS CONFIRMATION THIS POINT.)

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6. DESPOTOV ALSO REQUESTED CONFIRMATION THAT DR. PRESS, PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR, WOULD IN FACT BE PAPAZOV'S FORMAL HOST.

7. ACTION: EMBASSY REQUESTS BY IMMEDIATE RESPONSE CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF PAPAZOV DELEGATION'S TRAVEL PLANS (PARA 3), SPECIFIC PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS (PARA 4), CONFIRMATION THAT AGREEMENTS WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE IN ENGLISH AND BULGARIAN (PARA 5), RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON PAPAZOV'S AUTHORITY TO SIGN (PARA 5), AND INFORMATION REGARDING ROLE OF PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR IN VISIT, ON URGENT BASIS.

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